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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT)
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE)
LIPIDS AND METHODS OF)
PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID)
VESICLES ENCAPSULATING LIPIDS)
USING SAID MICROORGANISMS)PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claim 44 without prejudice or disclaimer

Please replace claims 3, 7-10, 12, 13, 17-26, 30-33, 36-43, 45 and 49-51 as
follows.

A1 3. (Amended) The microorganism according to claim 1, which is filamentous
fungus.

A2
Com. 7. (Amended) The microorganism according to claim 1, which has a property
of forming lipid vesicles containing a lipid around the colonies when said microorganism is